

**Town of Mineral Springs  
Town Hall  
3506 S. Potter Road  
Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
August 9, 2018 ~ 7:30 PM**

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**Minutes**

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The Town Council of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, met in Regular Session at the Mineral Springs Town Hall, Mineral Springs, North Carolina, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2018.

**Present:** Mayor Frederick Becker III, Mayor Pro Tem Bettylyn Krafft, Councilwoman Valerie Coffey, Councilman Jerry Countryman, Councilwoman Janet Critz, Councilwoman Lundeen Cureton, Councilwoman Peggy Neill, Town Clerk/Zoning Administrator Vicky Brooks, Attorney Bobby Griffin and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Janet Ridings.

**Absent:** None.

**Visitors:** Diane Countryman, Gwen Gardner and Alan Gardner.

With a quorum present Mayor Frederick Becker called the Regular Town Council Meeting of August 9, 2018 to order at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Opening**

- Councilman Countryman delivered the invocation.
- Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Public Comments**

- There were no public comments.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- **Councilwoman Coffey made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented containing the following:**

- A. *July 12, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes*
- B. *June 2018 Tax Collector's Report*
- C. *June 2018 Finance Report*

**and Councilwoman Cureton seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

**Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, Krafft and Neill  
Nays: None**

4. **Consideration of Councilwomen Critz and Neill Attending the 2018 NCLM Conference and Councilwoman Critz Attending the School of Government Advanced Leadership Corps**

- Mayor Becker noted that everyone on the board received the email about the league convention; a memo was in the agenda explaining the cost. Councilwomen Neill and Critz are requesting approval for the expenditure of travel and training.
- **Councilwoman Coffey made a motion that we approve the expenditure based on the fact that the information that they bring back will benefit the town tremendously in our decision making for the future and Councilman Countryman seconded.** Councilwoman Critz noted she wasn't accepted in the government advanced leadership corps; they had twice the number of applicants as they had positions and she was not selected. *The aforementioned motion by Councilwoman Coffey passed unanimously as follows:*

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, Krafft and Neill.*

*Nays: None*

5. **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival Update, Sign-Up for Town Tent Staffing and Volunteer Opportunities**

- Ms. Brooks pointed out there was a town tent sign-up sheet in the agenda packet and asked the council if they had given it any thought. It was noted that Councilwoman Krafft would not be able to sign-up because she is in the children's area all day and Mayor Becker will be taking care of the sound system. The council signed up for the town tent as follows:

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Councilwoman Coffey
10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Janet Ridings
10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Councilwoman Neill
11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Councilwoman Cureton
12:45 p.m. to 01:45 p.m.	Councilwoman Critz
01:45 p.m. to 02:45 p.m.	Councilman Countryman
02:45 p.m. to close	Councilwoman Coffey

- Ms. Brooks informed the council that on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. the stage and tent would be put up; volunteers would be needed. Councilman Countryman, Alan Gardner and Mayor Becker all volunteered. Ms. Brooks commented maybe Richard Helms from the planning board would help and noted that Jim Muller was still incapacitated. Councilwoman Krafft commented Jeff Krafft may be able to assist depending on his schedule.
- On Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., the 20 X 40 nonprofit tent will be going up and volunteers were necessary for that also. Councilwoman Critz commented Jimmy Critz could probably help with that. Alan Gardner also volunteered.
- On Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. the children's area will be set-up. Councilwoman Krafft asked why. Ms. Brooks responded because they couldn't do it on Saturday. Councilwoman Krafft stated they could do it in the afternoon (not in the morning) if someone would just put the tents and straw over there. Ms. Brooks noted it would be a full day of putting up tents, getting straw, putting together the "face-in-the-hole", installing temporary fencing and staging items in preparation of

the Saturday morning set-up. Councilwoman Critz suggested having ice and drinks available for everyone during these work days. Gwen Gardner volunteered to do that.

- Ms. Brooks noted that she did not have any volunteers for Saturday and would need people to direct the craft/food vendors and she typically has someone monitoring the parking lot. Councilwoman Critz volunteered to help out with the parking lot in the morning before she helps at the tent if she can be in the shade. Diane Countryman volunteered to assist; she will get up with Ms. Brooks after the meeting.
- At the current time, we have two \$150 sponsors and another one who is interested in being a \$250 sponsor; Ms. Brooks will meet with them on Tuesday. The total revenue to date is \$745. There are two food vendors (fire department selling bar-b-que/hot dogs and Hill's Snozbiz selling shaved ice, nachos, etc.) with a verbal commitment with a third (CP Concessions selling funnel cakes, lemonade, candy apples). We have 17 craft vendors/exhibitors. Councilwoman Critz suggested contacting Farley's to see if they would be willing to sell pizza by the slice.
- Councilwoman Krafft asked if Ms. Brooks got the sponsorship from GEMCO yet. Ms. Brooks responded "no". Councilwoman Krafft stated she spoke with him yesterday and he had it ready and just needed to drop it off; it would be a \$250 sponsorship.
- Councilwoman Cureton asked about selling cupcakes, cakes and stuff. Ms. Brooks responded that would go through the Department of Agriculture. Mayor Becker offered that it was different from the regular county health department. Councilwoman Critz asked if you couldn't have a bake sale without a special permit. Ms. Ridings commented they don't know where it's been baked or what's in it; it has to be inspected. Councilwoman Cureton noted that her church doesn't have any problem having bake sales and they don't have to be inspected. Ms. Ridings responded when you are serving the public they don't allow it. Councilwoman Coffey asked that the council be mindful of the birthday party in Charlotte that just sent 50 to 100 people to the hospital and some of them are critical.
- Councilman Countryman asked what the cost of the community tent was. Ms. Brooks responded that he had always donated \$150 for the nonprofit tent, but there was no real price on it. Councilman Countryman stated he would go with \$150, but it wouldn't be until September.
- Councilwoman Critz asked Ms. Brooks if she would like for the council to actively look for volunteers to help on Friday, which looks like it has the greatest need. Ms. Brooks responded, "sure". Mayor Becker suggested they get back with Ms. Brooks, so she will know. In reference to the day of the festival, volunteers can come from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – anytime.
- Ms. Brooks asked the council for volunteers to pull weeds, dead head flowers and just generally get the park acceptable for the festival. Mayor Becker suggested they come for a couple of hours here or there when they can. Ms. Brooks stated no direction was needed to see weeds as she referred to Diane Countryman who worked very hard two years ago pulling weeds and dead heading flowers. Mayor Becker added that Ms. Countryman was the queen of weed eaters. Councilwoman Coffey asked Ms. Countryman how long it took. Councilman Countryman responded, "several days". Ms. Countryman responded, "it's big, it's a big park, if

there were six women or six people that we go up there and take two hours you could knock it out, but when it's one person doing it, you know". Mayor Becker commented it was more than 12 man-hours. Councilwoman Critz commented that could be part of the Friday. Mayor Becker responded that could happen on Friday or it could happen ongoing up to that. Ms. Countryman commented she didn't mind doing it, but she can't do it all by herself, so if anybody wants to she'll be on the group. Councilwoman Critz asked if Ms. Countryman wanted to come on Thursday when Mr. Critz brought the tent and she will help while the men are doing the tent.

6. **Consideration of Removing an Inactive Board of Adjustment Member and Possible Appointment of Replacement**

- Ms. Brooks explained that the council appointed Ra'lysa Rice to the Board of Adjustment (as an alternate member) in January. The Board of Adjustment has met three times since then and Ms. Rice has not come to any of those meetings. Ms. Brooks requested that the council withdraw their appointment of Ms. Rice, so we can find another alternate that would fulfill that obligation.
- ***Councilwoman Coffey made a motion that we remove Ra'lysa Rice as a Board of Adjustment member and Councilwoman Critz seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:***

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, Krafft and Neil*

*Nays: None*

- Councilwoman Cureton asked what the reason for removing her was. Councilwoman Coffey responded, "she didn't ever come". Mayor Becker commented she was never sworn in. Councilwoman Critz asked if we had someone who had applied for a position on the planning board; maybe we could ask her or possibly Donna Sherrin would consider coming back. Ms. Brooks responded she didn't know which one she should ask first. Councilwoman Coffey responded, "Donna". Councilwoman Critz responded, "Donna has the experience, I think you need a little bit more for the...". Ms. Brooks responded she would ask Donna first and if she declined, she would go back to the woman that applied for the planning board. Councilwoman Krafft commented she was thinking the other candidate might be a good candidate for the Board of Adjustment since they don't meet often. Councilwoman Critz asked Councilwoman Coffey if she was still on the Board of Adjustment. Ms. Brooks responded, "thankfully, yes she is". Councilwoman Critz responded the only reason she asked was because she wouldn't mind going back on; she has had the training and has been there before and since it is so infrequent she wouldn't mind, but it would be a bad idea. It wouldn't be illegal, immoral or unethical, but Councilwoman Critz thought having two might be pushing it; it wouldn't be wrong, but if we can avoid it we should. Councilwoman Coffey responded it could be avoided, she could resign. Mayor Becker responded, no, Ms. Brooks will talk to those two applicants and come back next month for the council to appoint somebody. Councilwoman Critz stated she just didn't want to see things fall through the cracks and things not get done when there are people who could do it and are trained and ready.

7. **Staff Reports**

- There were no staff reports.

8. **Other Business**

- There was no other business.

9. **Adjournment**

- **Councilman Countryman made a motion to adjourn and Councilwoman Krafft seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, Krafft and Neill*

*Nays: None*

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mineral Springs Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Vicky A. Brooks, CMC, NCCMC, Town Clerk



  
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Frederick Becker III, Mayor